



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch (1145b)  
Post Office Box 6898  
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-6898

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** 12 April 2004

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 13 May 2004

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** POA-2004-444-4

**WATERWAY NUMBER:** Wrangell Narrows

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

**APPLICANT:** U.S. Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, ATT: Karen Hopfer, P.O. Box 309, Petersburg, Alaska 99833. Telephone (907) 772-5859 FAX (907) 772-5895

**LOCATION:** sections 4 & 9, T. 59 S., R. 79 E., Copper River Meridian, Latitude 56° 47' 18" N., Longitude 132° 57' 22" W., approximately 2.5 miles south of downtown on 123 Scow Bay Loop Road, in Petersburg, Alaska.

**WORK:**

1. The 0.7 acres on the Erickson property was filled over 25 years ago and a two-story office building was constructed. The site was wetlands and this portion of the project is being handled as an after-the-fact permit application. A new extension to the building is being proposed on the existing fill.
2. Approximately 0.05-acres of forested wetlands on the Erickson Tract would be developed for parking by excavating 540 cubic yards (cy) of material, placing 562 cy of shot rock and 602 cy of crushed aggregate surfacing material in place and placing 130 cy of riprap along the boundary.
3. Approximately 0.2-acres of wetlands including a stream on the Morrison will be filled with 1,080 cy of shot rock and 318 cy of crushed aggregate surfacing material to create a parking lot. Approximately 65 cy of riprap will be placed to protect the boundary.
4. Driveway locations will be changed and at least three 18-inch culverts will be installed to maintain water flow through the area.

**PURPOSE:** Expand an existing building on the Erickson tract and develop additional parking areas on that tract and the Morrison tract.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**MITIGATION:** No mitigation has been agreed to at this time.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify that the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In addition, Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Engineer during the public comment period.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. *et seq* and associated federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources because the site is upland and the intermittent stream is not anadromous.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: None.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact **Mr. Dennis A. Stone** at (907) 753-2720, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at [dennis.a.stone@poa02.usace.army.mil](mailto:dennis.a.stone@poa02.usace.army.mil) if further information is desired concerning this notice.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

( ) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States -  
Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

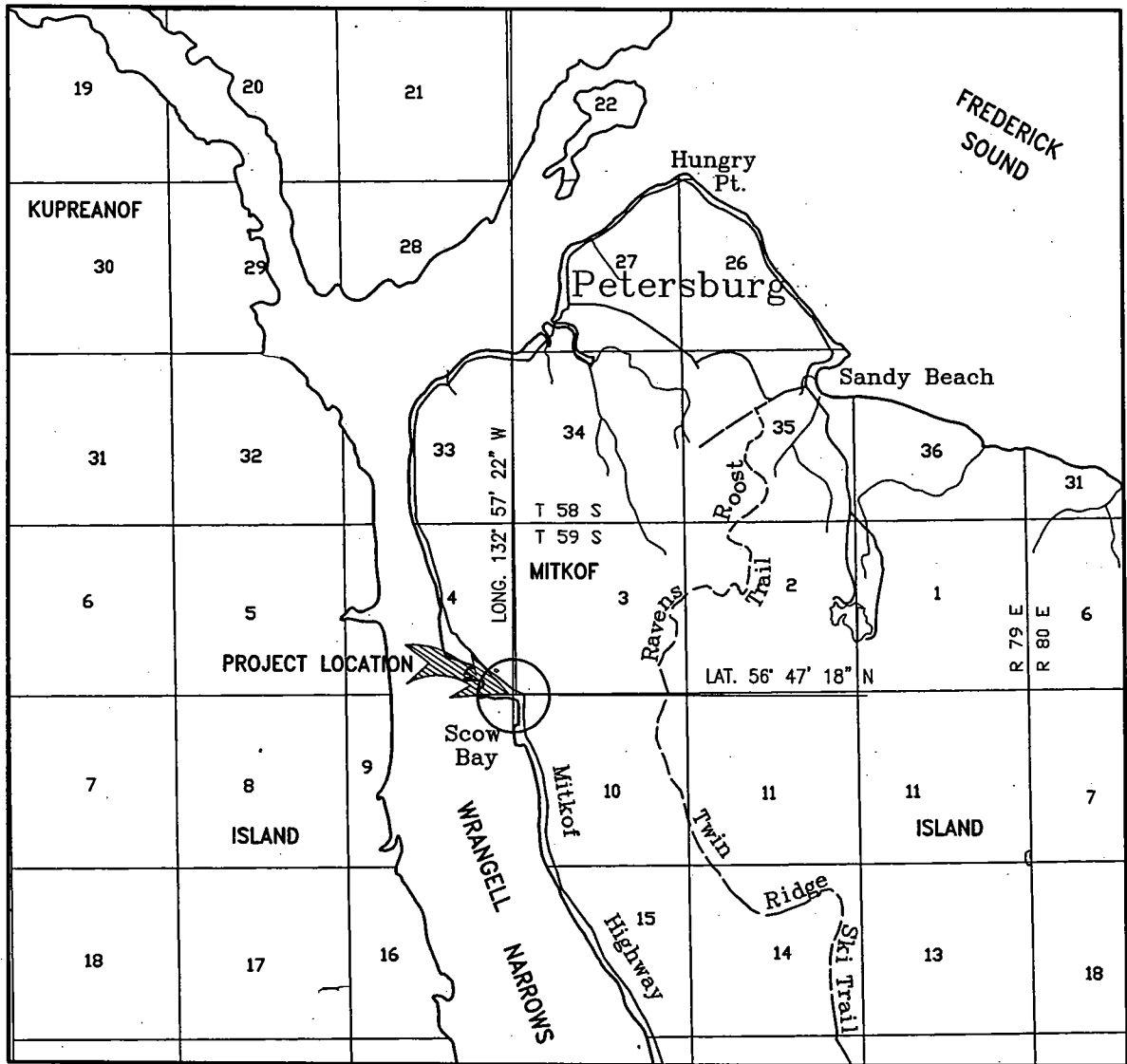
(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States -  
Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

( ) Transport dredged material for the purpose of dumping it into ocean waters - Section 103 Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended (40 CFR Parts 220 to 229), as appropriate.

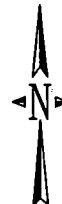
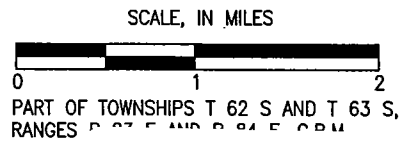
A plan, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments



VICINITY MAP: From USGS QUAD, Petersburg D-3, D-4



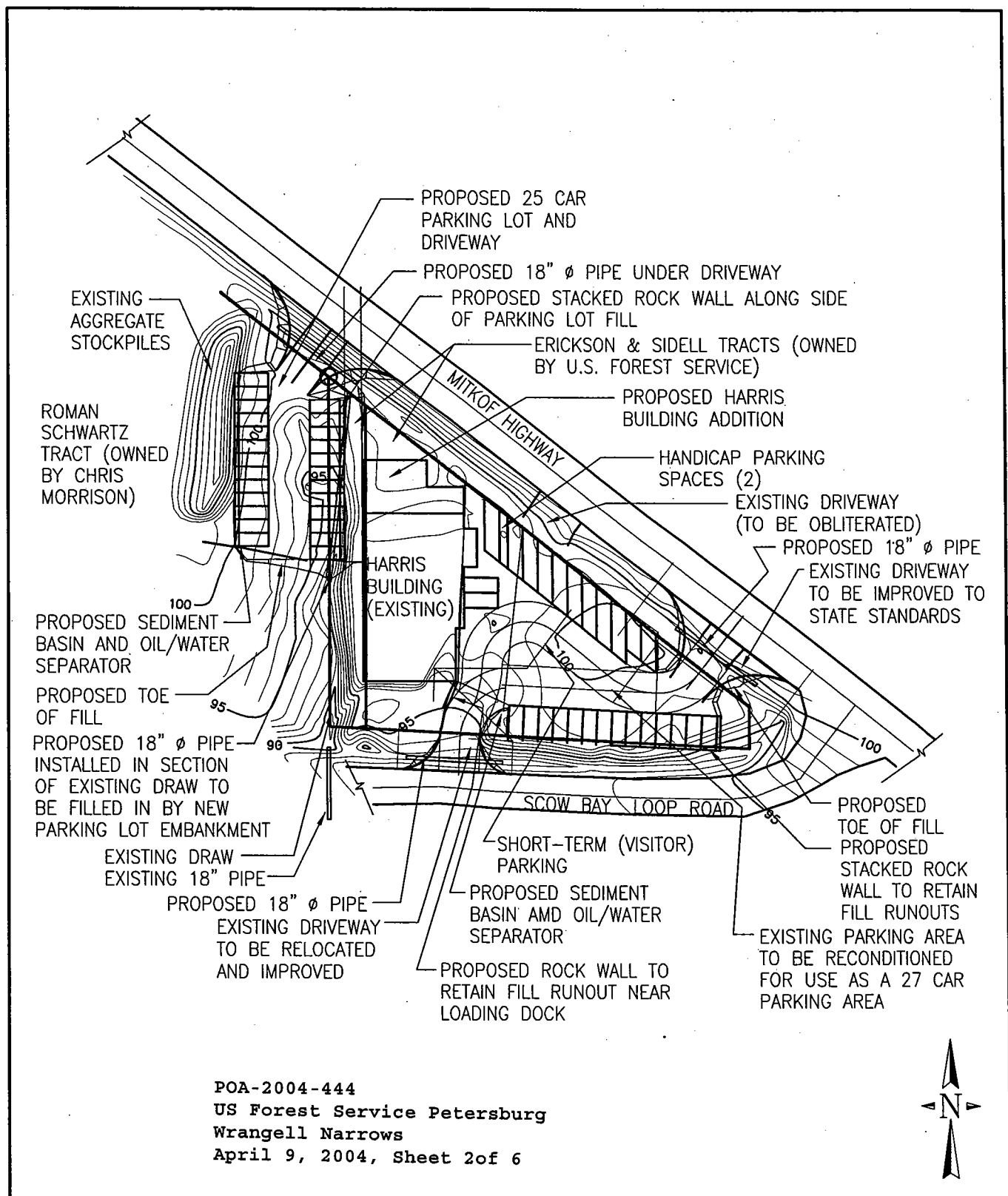
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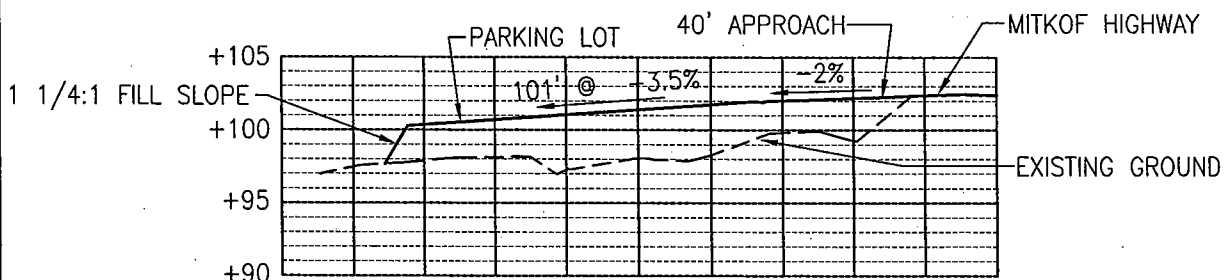
- PAVED ROADS
- AGGREGATE SURFACE ROADS
- TRAILS
- STATE & PRIVATE LAND HOLDINGS
- LANDS MANAGED BY US FOREST SERVICE
- LTF EXISTING LOG TRANSFER FACILITY
- 6541 FOREST SERVICE ROAD NUMBER

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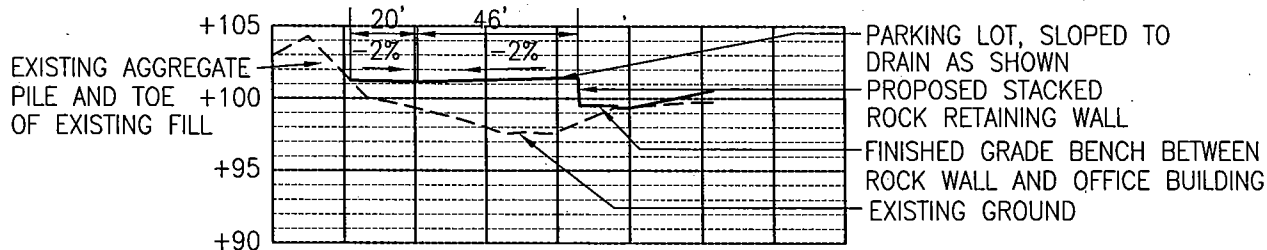
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DRAWN BY: K. ELMORE  
DATE: 3/15/2004

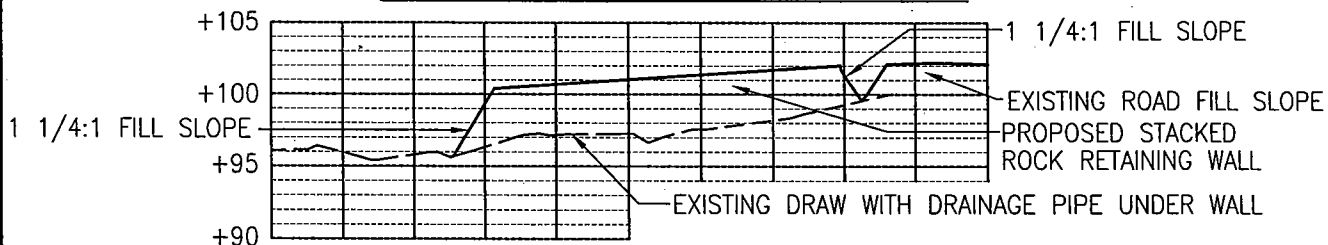




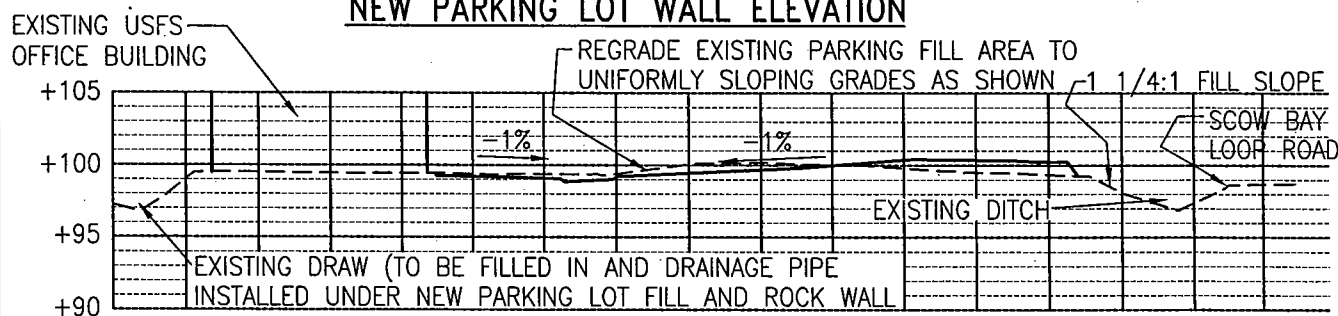
**NEW PARKING LOT CENTERLINE ELEVATION**



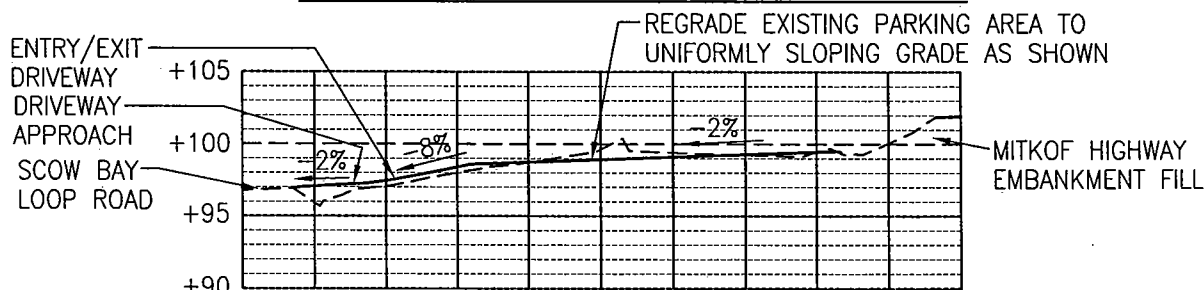
**TYPICAL NEW PARKING LOT SECTION**



**NEW PARKING LOT WALL ELEVATION**



**EXISTING PARKING LOT ALONG CENTERLINE**



**EXISTING PARKING LOT SECTION THROUGH ENTRY/EXIT DRIVE**

**PURPOSE:**

CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING

**PARKING LOT SECTIONS**

DATE PREPARED:  
03-10-2004

APPLICANT'S NAME: M. Parker  
USDA Forest Service

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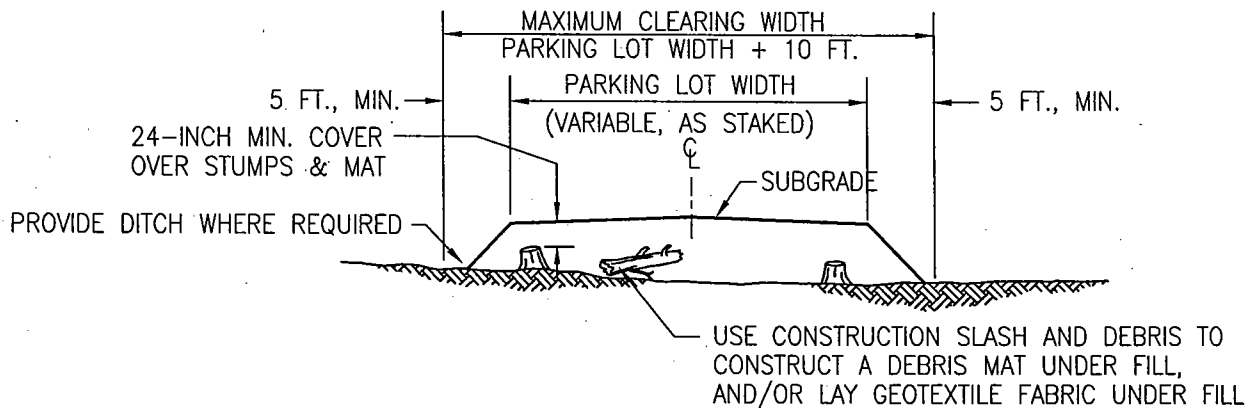
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SCALE IN FEET

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DRAWN BY: K. ELMORE

DATE: 3/10/2004



STUMPS, CONSTRUCTION SLASH, AND DEBRIS NOT USED  
AS A MAT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PROPERTY LOT  
AND DISPOSED OF IN CONTRACTOR'S ROCK PIT.

### TYPICAL ROAD ROCK OVERLAY SECTION

NOT TO SCALE

### PROJECT IMPACTS:

#### ERICKSON & SIDELL TRACTS:

1. EXISTING LOT DEVELOPMENT CONSISTS OF 7,400 CUBIC YARDS OF EMBANKMENT FILL PLACED OVER NATIVE GROUND.
2. EXCAVATE 540 CUBIC YARDS OF EXISTING MATERIAL TO RESHAPE PARKING LOT AREA, AND PLACE 63 CUBIC YARDS OF CLEAN SHOT ROCK FILL MATERIAL TO CREATE A UNIFORMLY SLOPED PARKING AREA.
3. PLACE 602 CUBIC YARDS OF AKDOT D-1 CRUSHED ROCK SURFACING OVER PARKING AREA.
4. PLACE 114 LF OF 18" Ø CORRUGATED METAL PIPE, 499 CUBIC YARDS OF CLEAN SHOT ROCK FILL MATERIAL, AND 130 CUBIC YARDS OF RIPRAP CLASS STONE TO BUILD STACKED ROCK RETAINING WALL FOR NEW PARKING LOT FILL.
5. EXISTING AREA OF IMPACT IS 31,343 SQUARE FEET (0.72 ACRES); ADDITIONAL AREA OF IMPACT FOR NEW PARKING LOT IS 2,030 SQUARE FEET (0.05 ACRES).

#### ROMAN SCHWARTZ (MORRISON) TRACT:

1. PLACE 1,080 CUBIC YARDS OF CLEAN SHOT ROCK FILL MATERIAL TO CONSTRUCT NEW PARKING LOT AND DRIVEWAY APPROACH TO STATE HIGHWAY.
2. PLACE 318 CUBIC YARDS OF AKDOT D-1 CRUSHED ROCK SURFACING OVER PARKING LOT.
3. AREA OF IMPACT IS 8,677 SQUARE FEET (0.20 ACRES).
4. PLACE 65 CUBIC YARDS OF RIPRAP CLASS STONE TO BUILD STACKED ROCK RETAINING WALL FOR NEW PARKING LOT FILL.

### PURPOSE:

CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING

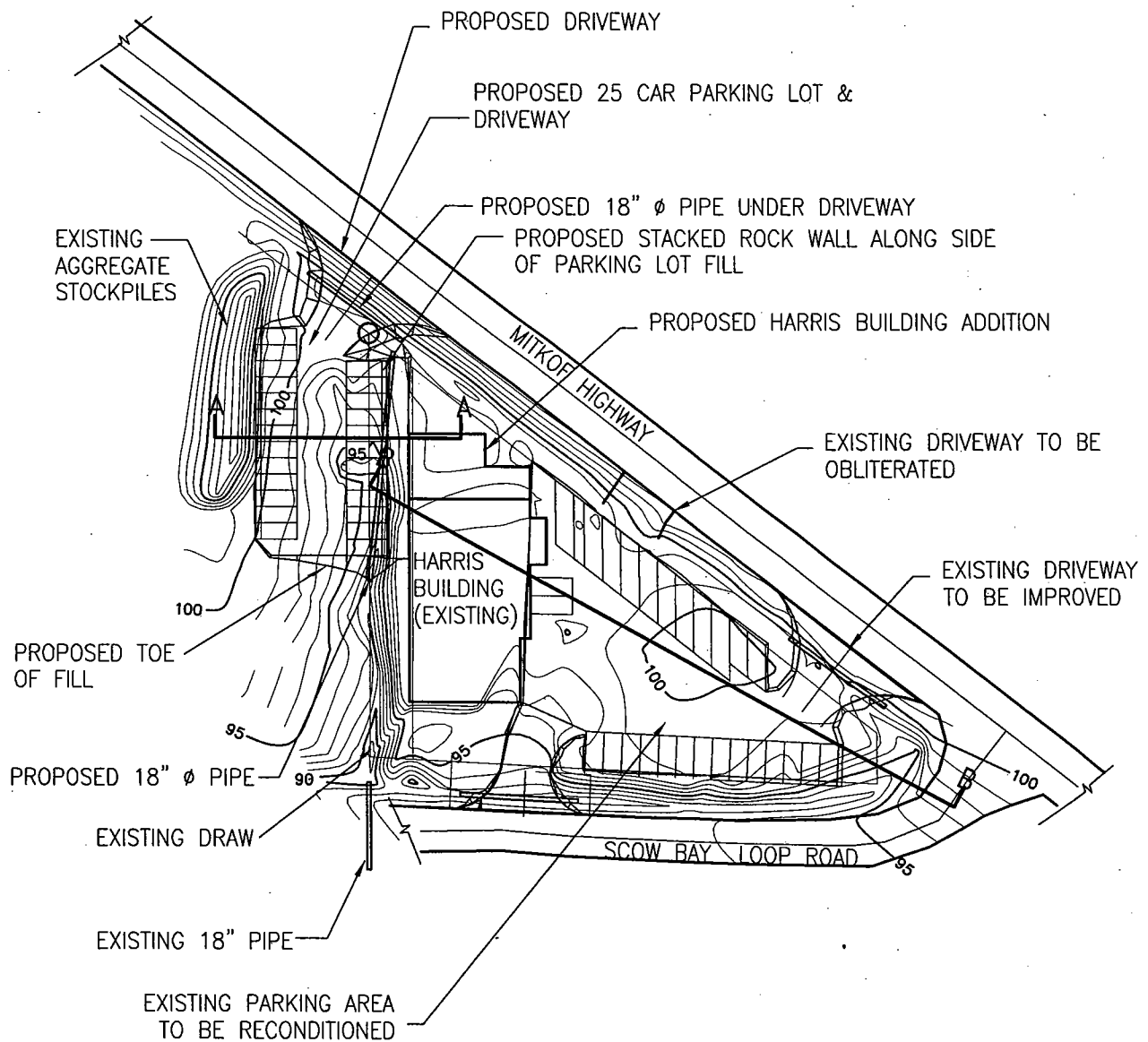
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### PARKING LOT SECTIONS

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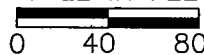
### PARKING LOT PLAN VIEW W/ SECTION CUTS

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 CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING  
 LOT AND RECONDITIONING  
 OF EXISTING LOT FOR NEW  
 OFFICE AND PARKING AREA

SCALE IN FEET



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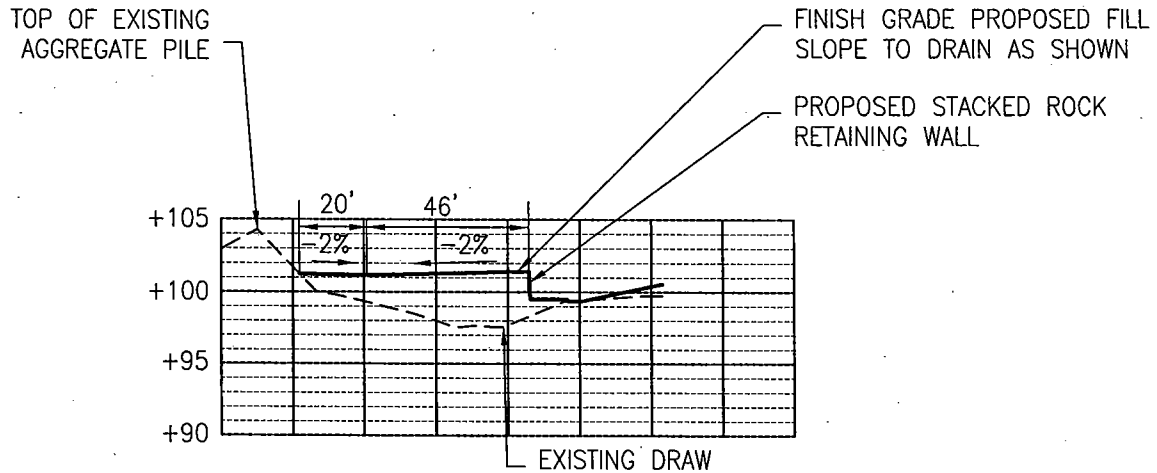
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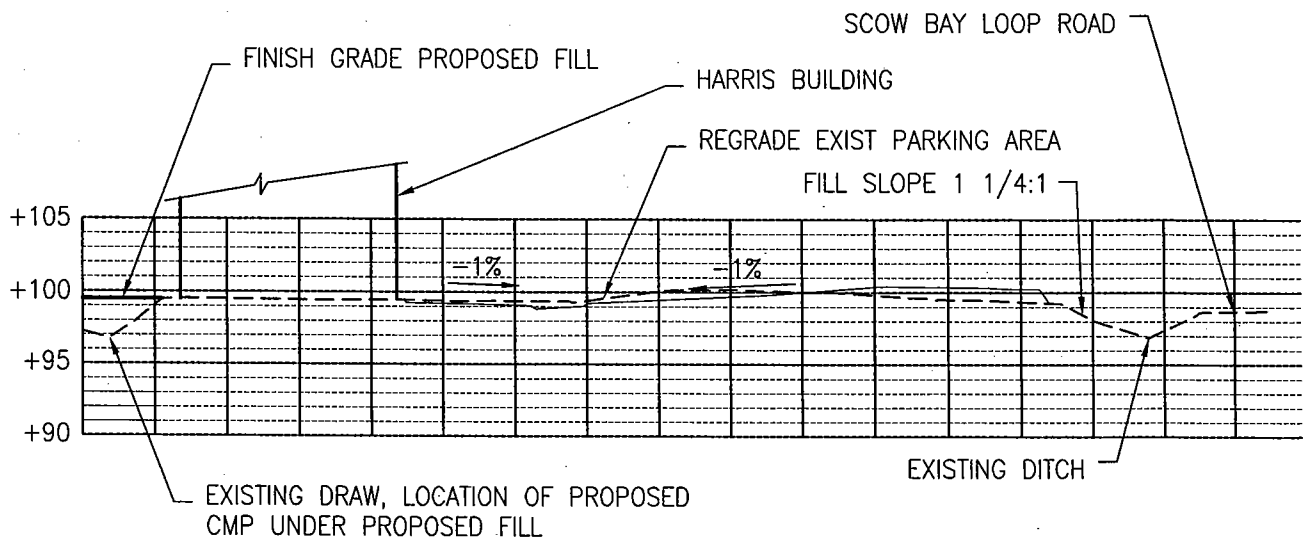
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### SECTION A - PROPOSED PARKING LOT



### SECTION B - EXISTING PARKING LOT ALONG CENTERLINE

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 CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING  
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#### PARKING LOT SECTIONS

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# STATE OF ALASKA

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING**

OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING  
302 GOLD STREET, SUITE 202  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1127  
PHONE: (907) 465-3562/FAX: (907) 465-3075

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2004-444-4, Wrangell Narrows**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Office of Project Management and Permitting. For information about this consistency review, contact OPMP at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html>.

# STATE OF ALASKA

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## DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

### DIVISION OF WATER

401 Certification Program

Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **POA-2004-444-4, Wrangell Narrows**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
WQM/401 Certification  
410 Willoughby Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795  
Telephone: (907) 465-5321  
FAX: (907) 465-5274